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In re Application of: Joseph A. Zupanick et al.  
Serial No. 10/003,917  
Filing Date: November 1, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 3673  
Examiner: John J. Kreck  
Title: *Method and System for Surface Production of Gas  
from a Subterranean Zone*

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below.

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